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## **Fact Sheet**

### **Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grant Program**

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The **HMA Letter of Intent (LOI)** is available  
from the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security

**All** PDM grant applications must be submitted through FEMA's E-Grants system

<http://portal.fema.gov>

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The Pre-Disaster Mitigation program, authorized by Section 203 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Assistance and Emergency Relief Act (Stafford Act), provides technical and financial assistance to states, local and tribal governments to assist in the implementation of cost-effective hazard mitigation measures designed to reduce injuries, loss of life, and damage and destruction of property from natural hazards. The Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security administers this program for the State of Idaho.

Annual funding depends upon Congressional appropriation; in recent years, about \$100 million has been available on a nationally competitive basis for mitigation plans and projects. BHS announces application procedures as well as details of the annual funding and program guidance and as soon as FEMA makes them available.

### **Eligible Plans and Projects:**

**Mitigation Planning:** Developing a new hazard mitigation plan, upgrading an existing FEMA-approved plan, or conducting a comprehensive review and update of an existing FEMA-approved plan, are eligible activities. The result must be a FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan within three years of award that meets planning criteria outlined in 44 CFR Part 201. Funding for new plans is limited to \$1 million federal share, while funding for revising existing plans is limited to \$500,000 federal share.

**Mitigation Projects:** Multi-hazard mitigation projects must focus on natural hazards but also may address hazards caused by non-natural forces. Funding is limited to a \$3 million federal share per project sub-application. **Sub-applicants must have an adopted, FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan by the federal application deadline to be eligible to receive project grant funding.**

Among the eligible mitigation projects are (see Program Guidance, Section 4.1):

- Acquisition or relocation of hazard-prone property for conversion to open space in perpetuity;
- Elevation of existing public or private structures to avoid coastal or riverine flooding;
- Structural and non-structural retrofitting of existing buildings and facilities to meet or exceed applicable building codes relative to hazard mitigation;

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- Protective measures for utilities, water and sanitary sewer systems, and / or infrastructure.
- Vegetation management to reduce wildland urban interface fuel loads
- Storm water management projects to reduce or eliminate long-term risk from flood hazards;
- Localized flood control projects, such as certain ring levees and floodwall systems, designed specifically to protect critical facilities and that do not constitute a section of a larger flood control system.

### Project Eligibility Requirements:

1. Be cost-effective and substantially reduce the risk of future damage, hardship, loss, or suffering resulting from a major disaster, and have a benefit-cost ratio of 1.0 or greater.
2. Be in conformance with the current FEMA-approved State Hazard Mitigation Plan;
3. Solve a problem independently or constitute a functional portion of a solution where there is assurance that the project as a whole will be completed.
4. Be in conformance with federal floodplain management and wetlands protection regulations.
5. Not duplicate benefits available from another source for the same purpose, including assistance that another Federal agency or program has the primary authority to provide.
6. Be located in a community participating in, and in good standing with, the National Flood Insurance Program.

### ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

- State Government
- Local Governments
- Registered Nonprofit Organizations with Like-Government Services
- Special Districts
- Indian Tribes

### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Applicants must be jurisdictions that are participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and in good standing or be located in a community that is.
- Applicants must have a FEMA approved All-Hazards Mitigation Plan or be located in a jurisdiction that has one.

### Ineligible Activities:

#### ***Ineligible planning activities*** (see Program Guidance, Section 3.2):

- Flood studies or flood mapping, and other mapping activities that are not part of a risk assessment;
- Risk assessments, technical assistance, studies, or workshops not resulting in a FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan;
- Information dissemination activities that exceed 10 percent of the total planning sub-application, or that not tied directly to a PDM planning sub-application; and
- Limited revisions and amendments that do not result in comprehensive hazard mitigation plan update.

#### ***Ineligible project activities*** (see Program Guidance, Section 4.2):

- Major flood control / erosion projects such as the construction or repair of dikes, levees, floodwalls, seawalls, groins, jetties, or dams, waterway channelization, and beach nourishment or re-nourishment.
- Localized flood control projects that do not protect a critical facility or constitute a part of a larger project.

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- Water quality infrastructure projects.
- Projects that address ecological issues related to land and forest management (i.e., insects, diseases, weather-related damages or infestations).
- Response and communication equipment, and warning and alert notification systems.
- Phased or partial projects, including engineering designs, feasibility or drainage studies not integral to the proposed project.
- Dry flood-proofing of residential structures.
- Generators and related equipment, such as hook-ups, for critical facilities that are not part of a larger eligible mitigation project sub-application and that is not directly tied to the hazard(s) that threaten the critical facility.
- Demolition / rebuild projects.
- Projects that solely address maintenance or repairs of existing structures, facilities or infrastructure.
- Projects that solely address a manmade hazard.

The state (program applicant) may be limited to the number of sub-applications it submits annually, depending upon annual program guidance. BHS will use a pre-application process, FEMA's on-line *eGrants* application system, and supplemental information to prioritize sub-applications. In recent years, FEMA guaranteed each state at least \$500,000 for eligible sub-applications; remaining eligible sub-applicants competed nationally for remaining PDM funds.

### GRANT PROCESS:

- BHS provides program announcement and conducts application briefings.
- **Letters of Intent (LOI)** to participate in the program are submitted by eligible applicants no later than **Friday, October 17, 2008**.
- Complete PDM applications must be submitted through the E-Grants system by the close of business on **Friday, December 5, 2008**.

### Additional Information

BHS Internet site: [www.bhs.idaho.gov](http://www.bhs.idaho.gov)

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